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Meeting August 16, 2010

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President Wayne opened the meeting with the singing of O'Canada. **Frank Garritty** offered grace. Your editor was late for the meeting so I am not sure who introduced our visitors and guests who included:

- Kevin Hodgins - guest (and son) of Stan Hodgins, all the way from Yellowknife
- Otto Ulrich - great to see you Otto!
- Brendan and Mona Gryba - guests of Mark Gryba
- Maureen Torr - new member inducted today
- Joceyn Davey-Hawreuk - new member inducted today

Don Somers served as sergeant and successfully raised a lot of money for the club. He instructed all members to donate \$2 each in celebration of our two new members. He noted that **Mona Gryba** had been up to the buffet table three times. After a pregnant pause he clarified that Mona had picked up a meal for herself, Mark and son Brendan. "This happens all the time at home," noted Mark! Don gave a tip of the hat to Murray Scharf for his excellent work in organizing the friendship exchange with our fellow Rotarians from the best wee country in the world. Don asked Murray if he had discovered who was the most important person in the family of each of the Scottish visitors. Ever the wag, Murray quipped that the most important person he was aware of was Noah Scharf ("the man with the big boat")! How's that for revisionist history, says your trusty editor.

Happy and Sad Dollars

- **Floyd McNabb** gave \$5 for his birthday and the fact he is 5 years younger than our Rotary Club.
- **Joy Adams Bauer** gave one happy dollar for her wonderful three week vacation and time spent on Vancouver Island and one sad dollar for missing the Scottish Rotarians.
- **Dave Sundby** is happy about the upcoming Programma de Becas "Fajita Fiesta" fundraising dinner in September, and the fact **Peter Zakreski** has already donated another \$1,000 to the program for the upcoming year. Thanks to the following members who supported one or more Mexican students last year (Bernie and Mary Sonntag, Joy Adams Bauer, Peter and Elaine Zakreski, Peter Whitenect, Avis Hardy, Drew Byers, Stan and Pat Hodgins, Jim and

Kathy Weber, Dave Sundby and family, Bev Johnson). The world community service committee hopes you will consider continuing your support this year and that more members will consider sponsoring a student and continuing our partnership with the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur.

- **Arlene Jul é** offered happy dollars in celebration of all that Rotary does as an organization and in celebration of our two new members.
- **Mark Gryba** is happy that both his wife Mona, son Brendan, and soon to arrive "scruffy" son who has been at the gym are attending our meeting today.
- **Stan Hodgins** is happy that his son Kevin is visiting from Yellowknife. Stan and Kevin have just returned from a father-son trip to Ontario and Quebec where they visited their family homestead in Shawville, P.Q. They also attended a two-day reunion in Ottawa of the 425 and 436 RCAF Squadrons. Stan served in 436 Squadron during WWII in Burma. He flew his aircraft through the jungle bringing supplies for the British Army. It was skilled and dangerous work. Stan noted that the Japanese were not their worst enemy, it was the thunderclouds of monsoon season. Stan and his fellow fly boys spent many trips flying through the thunderclouds with very little visibility (I think literally on a wing and a prayer). As Stan mentioned to your editor after the meeting, they didn't have any choice. Monsoon season was very long and the British needed their supplies. Our Stan Hodgins --- a true war hero!
- **Frank Garritty** offered \$20 for his son who eloped three weeks ago with only close family in attendance for the nuptials.
- **Peter Shiel** offered up a "job opportunity \$". Our zone is looking for a webmaster for the youth exchange section of the District 5550 website at www.rotarydistrict5550yep.org Please contact Peter if you have an interest in learning more about this terrific program, and have an affinity for web work. It's easy with the help of the ClubRunner software.
- **Jim Weber** offered \$10 happy for our two new members.
- **Don Somers** gave \$5 happy for Otto's visit to the club and saluted him for his 39 years of membership and commitment. And by the way, Otto has 38 years of perfect attendance!!
- **President Wayne** offered a happy buck for his 62 game on the 9 holes of the local par 3 course. We're not sure how he fared on the back nine!

Next Meeting - August 23rd, 2010

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Join us on Monday, August 23rd at the **Delta Bessborough Hotel** when Dr. Ken Stakiw and Joy Mendel will speak to us about palliative care in Saskatoon.

Duty Roster August 2010

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Greeter - Bob Kasian

Visitors & Guests - Arlene Julé

Cashier - Brian Henderson

Grace - Joy Adams Bauer
Food Cards - Joanne Fisher
Sergeant-at-Arms - Don Somers

Please be at your posts no later than 11:45 a.m. **If you cannot fulfill your volunteer duties, please arrange for a fellow Rotarian to replace you.**

Program Aug 16, 2010

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Induction of two new members

Jim Weber introduced our two newest members, **Maureen Torr** and **Jocelyn Davey-Hawreluik**. You will find their biographies in the next edition of this bulletin (just waiting for details via Jim).

President Wayne conducted the induction ceremony and impressed upon Maureen and Jocelyn their responsibilities as Rotarians and gave them a glimpse into the wonderful worldwide fellowship and family they are about to join.

Dale Linn (former Director) "pinned" both members and **Scott Byers** (membership chair), presented their membership plaque, and new member portfolio. They were enthusiastically welcomed by all members in attendance. Welcome Maureen and Jocelyn! We all look forward to getting to know you. All members, make sure you introduce yourself and invite both women to join various committees in our club. An involved member is a happy member!

Presentation to Otto Ulrich

President Wayne began by welcoming Otto and remarking how happy all members were to see him in attendance. He then called Otto forward to receive a certificate of Honourary Membership in our club. President Wayne reiterated the comments of Don Somers about Otto's many years of service and perfect attendance record. (Editor's note: Otto joined the club in 1973 and served as president in 1978/1979. Otto also has some very interesting WWII stories. Ask him about his favourite watering hole in Stonehaven, Scotland!)

Otto very graciously accepted his certificate - "I don't know why I should deserve such an honour," he began. He congratulated the two newest members of our club and hoped that "Rotary would be a rewarding experience for their whole life, just like it has been for me. Don't forget, Rotary is much more than just our luncheon fellowship meetings." He concluded by wishing a "long and happy Rotary life" to all members. Thanks Otto ... you are a true gentleman.

Travels to Peru

Mark Gryba introduced his son Brendan who gave a terrific presentation on his recent six week adventure/volunteer experience in Peru. Brendan is Mark and Mona's middle son. He is 19 years old and in his third year of pre-dentistry at the U of S. He plays tailback with the Hilltops and track

and field with the Huskies. Brendan also helps coach track and field at his alma mater, BJM. Over the years we have all heard Mark talk proudly about his sons and we can certainly see why!

Brendan spoke about his six weeks in Cusco, Peru. I don't know about the rest of you, but your editor was blown away by all of the things he managed to pack into those six weeks! Oh to be 19 years old again!

Brendan went to Peru with a good friend from high school. They found "International Volunteer Headquarters" and signed on with the Peruvian "Maximo Nivel" volunteer agency. Brendan took two weeks of Spanish classes and four weeks of tandem partnerships. This meant he spent an hour each day with each of his local Peruvian partners. They spoke Spanish one day, and English the next. A great way to learn conversational Spanish.

He also participated in a number of hands on construction projects including building showers at a school in a rural area of the country. They had to take a one hour bus ride to the job site each day. He put up window frames made of chicken wire, cut tiles, and finished the outside of the shower building with concrete. He spoke of the "Peruvian fan base" of children who watched the volunteers at work each day. They nicknamed one of the children, "the foreman" because he always had a pencil behind his ear and kept a close eye on things!

His second construction project involved the rebuilding of the San Nicolas Urraca Community Center, which is an after-school program. They built new walls with adobe mud bricks and more mud as mortar to hold the bricks together. They dug concrete trenches 2 feet deep and moved 25 tonnes of old bricks and dirt. It was truly gratifying to see the children playing at the center once it was completed.

Brendan concluded by talking about the many lifelong friends he made from many different parts of the world; his Peruvian host family; playing lots of puzzles with Peruvian children; interesting Peruvian food; an amazing sunrise he experienced from the top of the mountain at Machu Picchu; and a weekend in the Amazon jungle. He is a very well spoken young man with a great sense of humour and humility.

Announcements

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- The Winnipeg Club is having a 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Winnipeg gala on November 6, 2010 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Anyone interested in attending may contact Bev Allwood at (204) 957-6713. Tickets are \$100/person.
- Please review your personal information on ClubRunner to ensure it is up-to-date for the upcoming roster. If it needs changes, please get them to Wayne ASAP.
- Robert Fisher reports that our zone in District 5550 is 2nd in total giving and 3rd in donations to Polio Plus. Good job!
- Station 20 West has approached the club. They are selling tickets on behalf of the Saskatoon Chef's Association (who have adopted Station 20 West as their charity for the year) to their famous gourmet six-course dinner at Prairieland Park in February 2011 and are looking for our help. Stay tuned for more details about this mouth-watering opportunity. For more

information on Station 20 West visit www.station20west.org

- **Harold Baker** hopes to come back to the club soon, once his health has completely improved. In the meantime, he has made a generous donation to the RI Foundation. Thanks Harold -- continue to take good care of yourself, and come back to us soon. We miss you!!
- **Joy Adams Bauer needs help with the Rotateller.** Your trusty editor loves doing the bulletin but cannot be at every Rotary meeting due to the nature of her job. I'd appreciate one or two members agreeing to serve as back up editors who can be relied upon to do the bulletin if I am unable to attend the meeting. You don't have to put the whole bulletin together if you don't want to -- just provide me with your notes and I'll do the rest. Someone? Please?

District News

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Here's where you can find highlights of "all the news that's fit to be news" from Rotary District 5550.

Check out the District 5550 website at

www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/DxHome/home.aspx?did=5550 for more news and be the most informed Rotarian in the District!

Message from Past District Governor Nancy Morris

Fellow Rotarians,

It was an honour to serve as your District Governor for the past year. Below is a link to open and check out the last issue of my newsletter which features memories and photos of visits and events that Dave and I attended across District 5550 over the past year.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship

PDG Nancy Morris
District 5550

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2010/2011 Club Executive

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